TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1103.

Wednesday the 30th November 1927/15th Vrischikam, 1103.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-Thirty of the Clock, M. E. Watts, Esquire, B. A., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were sworn in :—

1. Mr. S. C. H. Robinson.
2. ,, C. V. Kunjuraman.
3. ,, P. Gomatinayagam Pillai.
4. ,, N. Nilakanta Pillai.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ferry Boat at Mankuzhi.

1. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the petition, dated the 30th Edavam 1102, to the Chief Engineer from the inhabitants of Karuvatta and Cheruthana in Kartikapalli taluk for the provision of a temporary canoe-ferry during the rainy seasons at Mankuzhi on the village road from Anary to the western boundary of Karuvatta pakuthi and the construction of a small bridge at that point in place of the old granite bridge which existed there till 1036 M. E.?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : As regards the ferry service, the petitioners were informed that there was no need for another service at Mankuzhi, as there is already a private ferry service there. In regard to the bridge, a reference has been made to the local Executive Engineer for a report.

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MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the answer that a private ferry service is established there. May I know whether it is not desirable for the Government to establish a free ferry until the broken bridge is replaced?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The policy of Government in this matter is to encourage private enterprise.

Coercive steps for recovery of Arrears of Land Revenue.

2. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to coercive measures taken against defaulters in Chirayinkil taluk for recovering arrears of land revenue, will the Government be pleased to give a statement by pakuthies showing:

(*a*) the total number of seizure and sale of movable properties; and

(*b*) the total number of attachment and sale of immovable properties?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information asked for by the member cannot be furnished without indication of the year in respect of which the particulars are asked for.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the original interpellation that I sent is with the member now?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It is stated in the answer that without indication of the year in respect of which the particulars are asked for it is rather impossible to give the information. I want to know whether the interpellation that I sent to Government, the original itself, is now with the member so that I may have a look at it and satisfy myself whether the years are there or not.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is not available at present. It may be made available.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know the date on which this particular interpellation was sent to Government?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot furnish that information just at present.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Approximately speaking, the particular interpellation was sent to Government about two months back; so that even if there was any defect the Secretary could have communicated it to the member and got it corrected instead of giving a subtle, technical, and evading answer like this.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is not a supplementary question.

Revenue from the sale of Piscary rights in the Anathazha Chira.

3. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to call for and place on the table a report

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